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Docket No. 55729 (71526)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: I. Hirao et al.

EXAMINER: M. C. Henry

SERIAL NO. 09/787,196

GROUP: 1623

FILED: April 26, 2001

FOR: Novel Nucleic Acid Base Pair

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Request for Reconsideration for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is

[] a small entity. A statement:
[] is attached.
[] was already filed.
[X] other than a small entity.

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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. Section 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
[]	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[]	two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
[]	three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
[]	four months	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 720.00

Fee: \$ 0.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- [] An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 0.00

OR

- (b) [X] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	SMALL ENTITY			OR	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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						\$9.00	\$0.00
							\$18.00
	Independent Claims					\$42.00	\$0.00
							\$84.00
	First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim+					\$140.00	\$0.00
							\$280.00
							Total Addit. Fee

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

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(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ 0.00
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FEE DEFICIENCY

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6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

AND/OR

- If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated February 5, 2004 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.